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SUBJECT: CASE OF ARGENTINE NATIONALS GUILLERMO VOGLER AND LILIANA
VOGLER

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. VOGLER FAMILY APPROACHED EMBASSY APRIL 28 BEFORE ARRIVAL OF REFTEL. MRS. VOGLER TOLD EMBOFF THAT AMERICAN RELATIVES INFORMED HER THAT "PAPERS" WERE COMING FROM USG TO "RESOLVE" CASE OF HER DETAINED HUSBAND ARGENTINE NATIONAL GUILLERMO VOGLER AND THAT SHE SHOULD SUSPEND HER EFFORTS TO SECURE HIS RELEASE THROUGH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT PAPERS HER US RELATIVES MEANT. AS INS PETITION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED IN EMBASSY TO DATE, EMBOFFS HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH MRS. VOGLER. SHE INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY (MAY 5) THAT HER HUSBAND HAD REQUESTED TO EXERCISE HIS OPTION TO LEAVE ARGENTINA ON MARCH 4, 1976, THREE WEEKS BEFORE ALL OPTION REQUESTS WERE SUSPENDED BY THE JUNTA. A NEW PETITION, PRESENTED IN LATE 1976, WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF UNDEFINED "CHARGES" AGAINST HIM. LAST WEEK MRS. VOGLER FILED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AND AN APPEAL FOR HIS RELEASE THROUGH THE COURTS. THE CASE HAS NOT YET BEEN HEARD BY A JUDGE. MRS. VOGLER SAID THAT HER DAUGHTER HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND HER CASE HAS ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED TO A JUDGE. THE DAUGHTER HAS NOT PETITIONED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. MRS. VOGLER VISITS HER HUSBAND EVERY SUNDAY

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AND HER DAUGHTER ON MONDAYS. HE IS IN PAVILLION 14 OF UNIT 9

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OF LA PLATA PRISON. TREATMENT IS ACCEPTABLE AND PRISONERS' FEARS THAT SOME WERE MARKED FOR DEATH HAVE RECENTLY SUBSIDED. SHE SAID THE INTL RED CROSS MAKES REGULAR VISITS TO UNIT 9 IN LA PLATA, AND THAT CONDITIONS IN VILLA DEVOTO ARE WORSE THAN IN LA PLATA.

2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, GOA HAS NOT PERMITTED ACCESS OF FOREIGN CONSULT TO DETAINED ARGENTINE CITIZENS AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT INS PETITION, EVEN IF RECEIVED, COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS LONG AS GUILLERMO VOGLER IS DETAINED. GOA HAS, HOWEVER, TO DATE AUTHORIZED SOME 20 ARGENTINE CITIZENS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, ALL OF WHOM APPARENTLY WERE DETAINED AND HAD PETITIONED TO USE THEIR RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BEFORE THE MILITARY GOVT CAME TO POWER. (RADICAL LAWYER SOLARI IRIGOYEN IS ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS PATTERN KNOWN TO EMBASSY SO FAR.) EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT MOST OF THE POST-COUP PETITIONS HAVE BEEN AND ARE ROUTINELY REJECTED BY THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, AGAIN SOLARI IRIGOYEN BEING THE BEST KNOWN EXCEPTION. ON APRIL 30, THE SUSPENSION OF THE RIGHT OF OPTION WAS EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER 150 DAYS. WITH MRS. VOGLER'S APPROVAL, EMBASSY WILL EXPRESS US INTEREST IN CASE OF GUILLERMO VOGLER TO FONMIN HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP. PLEASE CONFIRM STATUS OF INS PETITION FOR GUILLERMO VOGLER.
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